

Snapshot of Agriculture Frederick County, Maryland

- One of the top 75 counties in the country for the production of dairy products
- Frederick County accounts for 10% of all Maryland's farmland
- Prime farmland soils in Frederick County encompass 121,810 acres, or nearly 24% of the county (1985 Soil Survey)
- There are 1200+ farms in Frederick County accounting for the largest number of farms in the state
- ranked #1 in Maryland in milk production
- ranked #1 in Maryland in hay production in tons
- ranked #1 in Maryland in corn for silage in tons
- ranked #2 in Maryland for both number of equine facilities (2,180) and number of acres used solely for equine purposes (22,000)
- ranked #3 in Maryland for number of equine (8,290).
- ranked #3 in Maryland for wheat production in bushels
- ranked #4 in Maryland for barley production in bushels
- currently approximately 122 dairy operations are located in Frederick County according to MD Cooperative Extension.
 - Of these 122 operations, about 49 are participating in a preservation program on part or the entirety of the property (either Critical Farms, MALPF District, MALPF Easement, MET Easement, Rural Legacy Easement or IPP Easement).
- 4 major wineries/vineyards in Frederick County
 - Of these 4 operations, 1 is a MALPF Easement

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